

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the Notice of Allowance for the present case.

This 312 amendment is presented to include the priority claim to U.S. Application No. 09/228,259 within the text of the specification. The priority claim was previously provided in the Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form submitted with the original specification and is properly reflected in the Filing Receipt mailed November 14, 2000. Furthermore, as the present application was filed prior to November 29, 2000, the time periods for amending the specification to include the reference to the priority claim, from 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii), do not apply. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment to the specification be entered.

The Applicant believes that this application is still ready for issuance; however, if the Examiner has any questions/concerns he is invited to contact the undersigned directly at 503-796-2972.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,

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